In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add Claims 10-14 as follows:

--10.   (New) An image processing method which is applied to a server capable of being connected to an image forming unit having a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch and plural clients through a network, said method comprising:

an obtaining step, of obtaining the correction data automatically obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image forming unit;

a receiving step, of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step, of performing a correction process on image data included in the printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit; and

an outputting step, of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

11.   (New) A method according to Claim 10, wherein said obtaining step requires the correction data of the image forming unit according as the printing job is received from the client.

12.   (New) A method according to claim 10, wherein said obtaining step requires the correction data of the image forming unit asynchronously with respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client.

13.   (New) A storage medium which computer-readably stores a program to achieve an image processing method which is applied to a server capable of being connected to an image forming unit having a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch and plural clients through a network, said method comprising:

an obtaining step, of obtaining the correction data automatically obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image forming unit;

a receiving step, of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step, of performing a correction process on image data included in the printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit; and

an outputting step, of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to the image forming unit.

14.   (New) A computer-readable program to achieve an image processing method which is applied to a server capable of being connected to an image forming unit having a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch

tend plural clients through a network, said program comprising:

an obtaining module that obtains the correction data automatically obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image forming unit;

a receiving module that receives a printing job from the client;

a correcting module that performs a correction process on image data included in the printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit; and

an outputting module that outputs the image data corrected by said correcting module to the image forming unit. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are now presented for examination, Claims 10-14 having been added to assure Applicant of a full measure of protection of the scope to which he deems himself entitled.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 14 are independent.

A Claim To Priority and a certified copy of the priority document for this application were filed on February 9, 1999. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,219,151 (Manglapus et al.), and Claims 7-9, as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,046,820 (Konishi). Claims 3-6 were rejected under 35

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